(2) Special Scheme for training Science and Engineering Graduates as Nautical Officers has been sanctioned to the Shipping Corporation of India.

(3) Indian Shipping Companies have been advised to consider recruiting and training Graduates Engineers.

(4) Indian shipping companies are permitted to take direct entry deck apprentices and workshop trained apprentices.

(5) Issue of Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) has been restricted to officers who want to join an Indian ship, CDC will be refused to those who initially desire to join a foreign flag vessel except in those cases where the officers have been trained by the agency companies at their cost.

(6) The Director General of Shipping has given special dispensation for temporary period in appropriate cases from rules/STCW Convention which prescribe statutory manning requirements.

(7) Shipping companies have been given special dispensation by permitting them to employ officers above the age of 60 years subject to their medical fitness for sea service, for a period of 6 months which could be extended, subject to a maximum limit of 62 years.

**Cancellation of supply of lines on C-DOT technology**

235. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that earlier orders placed for supply of lines on C-DOT technology have been cancelled;

(b) whether any plans have been initiated to produce these lines from indigenous sources; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Sactioning of telephones to retiring Government officials**

236. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is provision under the extant rules for sanctioning of telephones to retiring Government officials under some special category; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Central/State Government Officers, who retire from service and were drawing a basic pay of Rs. 3700/- per month or more for at least one year prior to retirement are eligible for registration of the application for a telephone connection under NON-OYT-SS category. Telephone connections against NON-OYT-SS category are provided to such officers according to the wating list.

**Deterioration of DAC services**

237. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DTC services on route Nos. 71, 72, 47 and 313 have seriously deteriorated for the last three years; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) what were the number of DTC buses and also private buses under DTC operation which were plying on each of these routes during the last

three years, with year-wise figures thereof, on each route;

(c) what were the number of missed trips by the buses plying on each of those DTC routes during the last three years, year-wise and month-wise figures; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to introduce extra buses including new ones so that the hardship of the commuters on these routes is mitigated?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) There had been some dislocation and consequent deterioration in services on Route Nos. 71, 72 and 47 due to sudden withdrawals of buses by private operators and non-availability of DTC buses to provide immediate replacements. So far as Route No. 313 is concerned, some problems were experienced during 1987 due to breakdowns and late outshedding but the position has been corrected and services improved in the years 1988 and 1989.

(b) The information is as under:—

| Route No. | 1987 | | 1988 | | 1989 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DTC | P.O. | DTC | P.O. | DTC | P.O. |
| 71 . . . . . | 1 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 72 . . . . . | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | -- |
| 47 . . . . . | -- | 4 | -- | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| 313 . . . . . | 5 | -- | 6 | -- | 6 | -- |

(c) The details of trips missed by buses plyng on each of these DTC routes during the last three years, year-wise and month-wise is enclosed. (See Appendix No. CLIII, Annexure I).

(d) Due to tight fleet position there is no proposal at present to add more buses on these routes. However, as and when the fleet is augmented, additional services are provided, depending on the requirements of the routes.

**Allotment of new telephones connections in the capital**

238. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications pending for the allotment of new telephone connections in different telephone exchanges in the capital as on 1-1-90;

(b) what is the number of new telephone connections allotted during the last six months in each telephone exchange in the capital; and

(c) by when the remaining applicants are likely to be allotted the telephone conections?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) The statement showing the number of applications pending for allotment of new telephone connections in different telephone exchanges in the capital as on 1-1-90 is given at Annexure 'A'. (See Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 2).

(b) The statement showing the number of new telephone connections allotted during the last six months in each telephone exchange in the capital is given in the enclosed statement. (See below).